

custody. He has been placed under suspension by the Competent Authority with effect from 27th June, 2000 and disciplinary proceedings are also being initiated against him.

**Recommendation of Fifth Pay Commission concerning senior citizens**

3364. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) The recommendations made by the Fifth Pay Commission which benefit the retired Central Government employees who have become senior citizens; and

(b) the action taken by Government in accepting each of the recommendations concerning the senior citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Fifth Central Pay Commission received representations for increasing the extent of concession available to senior citizens in rail fare from the existing 25% to 50% and also for extending this concession to all pensioners or at least to those who are of the age of 50 years and above. The Fifth Central Pay Commission considered this demand and recommended that the existing 25% concession in railway fare should be allowed to persons above 60 years of age.

(b) The above recommendation of the Fifth Central Pay Commission was considered by the Government. It was, however, not found acceptable.

**Modification in recruitment rules**

3365. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Personnel and Training have issued instructions to all Ministries that suitable note be incorporated in Recruitment Rules so that seniors who have completed probation period are also be considered for promotion where the juniors who have completed requisite service are being considered;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these instructions were modified slightly later on so that relaxation in qualifying service does not exceed by two years;

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(c) if so, whether the Ministry of Defence has amended the AFHQ Civil Service Rules 1968 incorporating DOP&T directives in respect of JS (Trg.) and CAO; and

(d) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The guidelines on framing/amendment/relaxation of Recruitment Rules issued by the Government inter alia provide that seniors, who had completed the probation period, were to be considered, where the juniors, who had completed the requisite service, were being considered for promotion. The guidelines were subsequently amended to the effect that the seniors would be considered provided they were not short of the requisite qualifying/eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying/eligibility service or two years, whichever was less and had successfully completed their probation period.

(c) and (d) Instructions of the Department of Personnel and Training have been incorporated in the revised draft AFHQ Civil Service Rules, which are presently under consideration of the Union Public Service Commission.

**Reservation in promotion for physically handicapped**

3366. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the reservation policy in promotions only limited to group-C post for physically handicapped employee;

(b) if so, what are the names of such posts;

(c) whether some of the posts are identified in group B also for such reservation policy in promotion; and

(d) if so, the names of such posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Reservation for persons with disabilities is provided in promotions in the posts and services